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HOUSE RESOLUTION 370

2 WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Illinois House
3 of Representatives that, on average, 22 veterans commit suicide
4 every day; this constitutes a very serious problem in every
5 state, including Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, Those individuals have fought in recent conflicts
7 under very demanding and dangerous circumstances; and

8 WHEREAS, For many veterans, their re-entry into a stable
9 and productive civilian life has caused unexpected mental and
10 emotional problems, resulting in Post-Traumatic Stress
11 Disorder (PTSD) and other severe mental illnesses; and

12 WHEREAS, Medications are now available to mitigate the
13 severity of those mental illnesses; and

14 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has an obligation to provide
15 its veterans the opportunity to acquire such medications;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we urge the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to
20 develop a basic protocol which will provide direction on how

1 best to make available such medications to veterans suffering
2 from PTSD and other forms of severe mental illness, such as
3 schizophrenia, schizophrenia disorder, and bipolar disorders;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the chair and the minority spokesman of the
6 House Veterans' Affairs Committee shall monitor the
7 preparations of such protocol and periodically make reports to
8 the House of Representatives, the Office of the Governor, the
9 director of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services,
10 and the director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs not
11 later than March 1, 2014.